

CLANDESTINE SERVICE SENIOR SEMINAR

STATINTL

CRITIQUE

1. As you know, the first four days of the Seminar were designed as a sort of backdrop to the problem-tackling weeks, providing: a. a brief survey of developments since World War II and of present international conditions, with particular emphasis on those forces and trends which pose problems for U. S. national objectives and security; b. a look at ourselves and prospects for the future -- the CS in a changing world; and c. an up-to-date and candid look at "the national security process" and the CS role therein. Did you find this portion of the Seminar useful?

- a. No _____
- b. Yes, to a slight degree _____
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree _____
- d. Yes, to a good degree ☒ _____
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree _____

2. Quite apart from the CS Senior Seminar, do you think that a brief (2 or 3 day) seminar on The CS in a Changing World along the same lines as this backdrop portion would be useful and interesting to other senior CS officers?

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3. Unfortunately, agenda changes and other factors beyond our control did not permit the timely dissemination of complete reading kits. Except for receiving reading material in piecemeal fashion, did you find the documents useful to your consideration of the problems discussed?

- a. No _____
- b. Yes, to a slight degree _____
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree _____
- d. Yes, to a good degree ☒ _____
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree _____

4. Do you have any suggestions for changes or improvements in the techniques of the Seminar, e.g., in the method of preparing the papers, the handling of outside contributions by guest speakers, etc.?

*Limit the seminar to one topic,
a briefer time period, i.e. 7-10 days,
& the other problems will disappear.*

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5. Do you have any suggestions for changes and improvements in the administration of the Seminar, including space and location?

Avail ability of extra rooms for small group discussion + work could be improved. Otherwise, OK.

6. Do you think the size of the group was appropriate? If not, please explain.

I think 6-8 is a better group, particularly if there is but one major topic.

7. Do you think that Seminar members were well selected to meet the requirements placed on the Seminar? If not, do you have any suggestions for improving the composition of any such future Seminar?

I think a couple of deputy div. or staff chiefs should be included where problems of this importance

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are discussed and where serious recommendations are expected.

8. Did you find the Seminar topics pertinent and challenging?

What topics would you have included as "vital, current problems of

the CS?"

Yes, but I would have limited the seminar, in this instance, to the one major topic, i.e. Structure of the CS.

9. Do you have any other comments on the Seminar which might be

useful as a basis for improvement or modification of any future Seminar?

Be sure that the central topic, or topics, is truly important. Select 6-8 senior, well qualified officers and ensure that the product of their efforts will receive careful + objective scrutiny from the senior CS management!